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MPJ ENTERPRISES, INC  
Sign Post Stabilizer  
U.S. patent 5,689,918

Patent 5,689,918 petition for reconsideration.

MPJ Enterprises, Inc. has made a huge mistake. We are trying to get our patent re-instated. We totally missed our 13 year maintenance fee payment but have tried to take advantage of the 24 month extension. We seem to have misunderstood the filing time limits. Our patent was has a issue date of Nov. 25, 1997 and if we add 13 years that makes Nov. 25 2010 the due date. By using the 24 month extension we expected to have until Nov. 25 2012 to pay the maintenance fees, penalties, and possibly other charges. We have sent a check totaling the fees & penalty charges for a total of \$4005.00 to the United State Patent Office. Enclosed is the letter we sent along with the corresponding letter from the United States Patent Office. This letter states that we can petition their decision and with the petition we should include a check in the amount of \$400.00. Any help in getting our patent current would help our company. We are small and this product is our only source of business.

Sincerely

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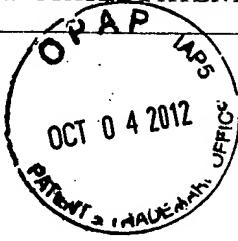
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In re Patent No. 5,689,918  
Issue Date: November 25, 1997  
Application No. 08/711,794  
Filed: September 10, 1996  
For: SIGN POST STABILIZER

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed August 23, 2012, to accept the delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **DISMISSED AS UNTIMELY**.

If reconsideration of this decision is desired, a petition for reconsideration under 37 CFR 1.378(e) must be filed within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. No extension of this two-month time limit can be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b). This is **not** a final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

Any petition for reconsideration of this decision must be accompanied by the petition fee of \$400.00 as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(f). The petition for reconsideration must include the lacking item(s) noted below, since, after a decision on the petition for reconsideration, no further reconsideration or review of the matter will be undertaken by the Director.

A petition filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.378(c) must be submitted within 24 months of the date of expiration of the patent. The instant patent expired November 25, 2009 for failure to timely remit the 11.5 year maintenance fee. Accordingly, a petition filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.378(c) was required by law to have been submitted no later than November 25, 2011. Accordingly, the instant petition is subject to dismissal as untimely filed.

Petitioner is entitled to a refund of the \$4,005.00 submitted with the instant petition. Petitioner may request a refund by writing to the Finance Office, Refund Section. A copy of this decision should accompany any request for refund.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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To whom it may concern:

I am Paul Johnson president and owner of MPJ Enterprises, Inc. I am the producer of the "Sign Post Stabilizer" US patent number 5,689,918. As we've started planning our sales goals for the upcoming 2013 year. The 13 made us think about the 13 year patent maintenance fees. Checking our records we found the payment had not been sent. So at this time I would greatly appreciate your acceptance to MPJ Enterprises, Inc. paying them late. I know the publication date of the patent was November 27, 1997. We realize the 13 year deadline was missed but did notice there is a 24 month extension period. I hope there is a chance to have the patent revived. It appears that there is possibly 4 months remaining of the 24 month extension. As this is the only product that MPJ Enterprises produces and sells it would be appreciated. I understand that there will be penalties MPJ Enterprises, Inc will be obligated to pay. Please acknowledge that amount to us and we will issue a check. By having this patent brought back to a maintained status it will ensure that our corporation will be able to continue. Any help in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

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